IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

THURSDAY, THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 22ND BHADRA 1929

WP(C).No. 27244 of 2007(R)

PETITIONER:

VINOD.P.,S/O. VELAYUDHAN,
PALLIKKARA HOUSE,KADAVANAD P.O.,
PONNAI,MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.SUDHEESH.A.

RESPONDENTS:
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1. VILLAGE OFFICER,NNNAMMUKKU

2. THAHASILDAR,PONNANI.

3. DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

4. SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
PONNANI POLICE STATION
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 13/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.
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W.P.(C) NO. 27244 OF 2007
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Dated this the 13th day of September, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KL/10 P 3845 was seized under Ext.P1 mahazar on the allegation that it was involved in the unauthorised transportation of river sand. He complains that despite the seizure that took place on 8/9/07, there has not been any progress in the matter. On this basis, the petitioner seeks a direction to release the vehicle, pending adjudication. In the circumstances of the case, I do not think that the petitioner deserves an order for interim custody at this stage. Proceedings are to be finalised by the District Collector in terms of Rule 27.

2. I dispose of the writ petition directing the 3rd respondent to finalise the proceedings against the petitioner's vehicle, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate

within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

3. Petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the 3rd respondent for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

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